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Notice of *Ex Parte* Communication

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W. Room TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Improving Public Safety Communications in the 800 MHz Band; Consolidating the 800 and 900 MHz Industrial/Land Transportation and Business Pool Channels Amendment of Part 2 of the Commission's Rules to Allocate Spectrum Below 3 GHz for Mobile and Fixed Services to Support the Introduction of New Advanced Wireless Services, including Third Generation Wireless Systems; Amendment of Section 2.106 of the Commission's Rules to Allocate Spectrum at 2 GHz for use by the Mobile Satellite Service*, WT Docket No. 02-55, ET Docket No. 00-258, ET Docket No. 95-18

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Representatives from Sprint Nextel Corporation (Sprint Nextel), the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB), and the Society of Broadcast Engineers, Inc. (SBE) met today with Julius Knapp, Geraldine Matisse, Jamison Prime, and Nicholas Oros, all of the Office of Engineering Technology.¹

Sprint Nextel, NAB, and SBE (collectively, the "Joint Parties") discussed the attached presentation. The Joint Parties explained how they continue to work together to transition broadcast auxiliary service (BAS) operations to spectrum above 2025 MHz as expeditiously as possible. The Joint Parties also identified specific measures taken in response to the market-entry demands of the 2 GHz mobile-satellite service licensees, which have had since the year 2000, and continue to have, an independent obligation to relocate most BAS operations above 2025 MHz. If any questions arise concerning this filing, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Trey Hanbury, Esq.
Director, Sprint Nextel Corporation

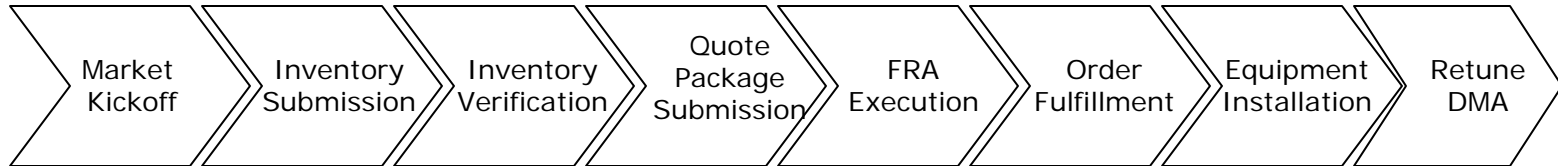
¹ Michael Degitz and Trey Hanbury represented Sprint Nextel. Larry Walke represented NAB. Christopher Imlay represented SBE.

BAS Transition Update

Joint Submission of Sprint Nextel Corporation,
the Association for Maximum Service Television, Inc.,
the National Association of Broadcasters, and
the Society of Broadcast Engineers, Inc.

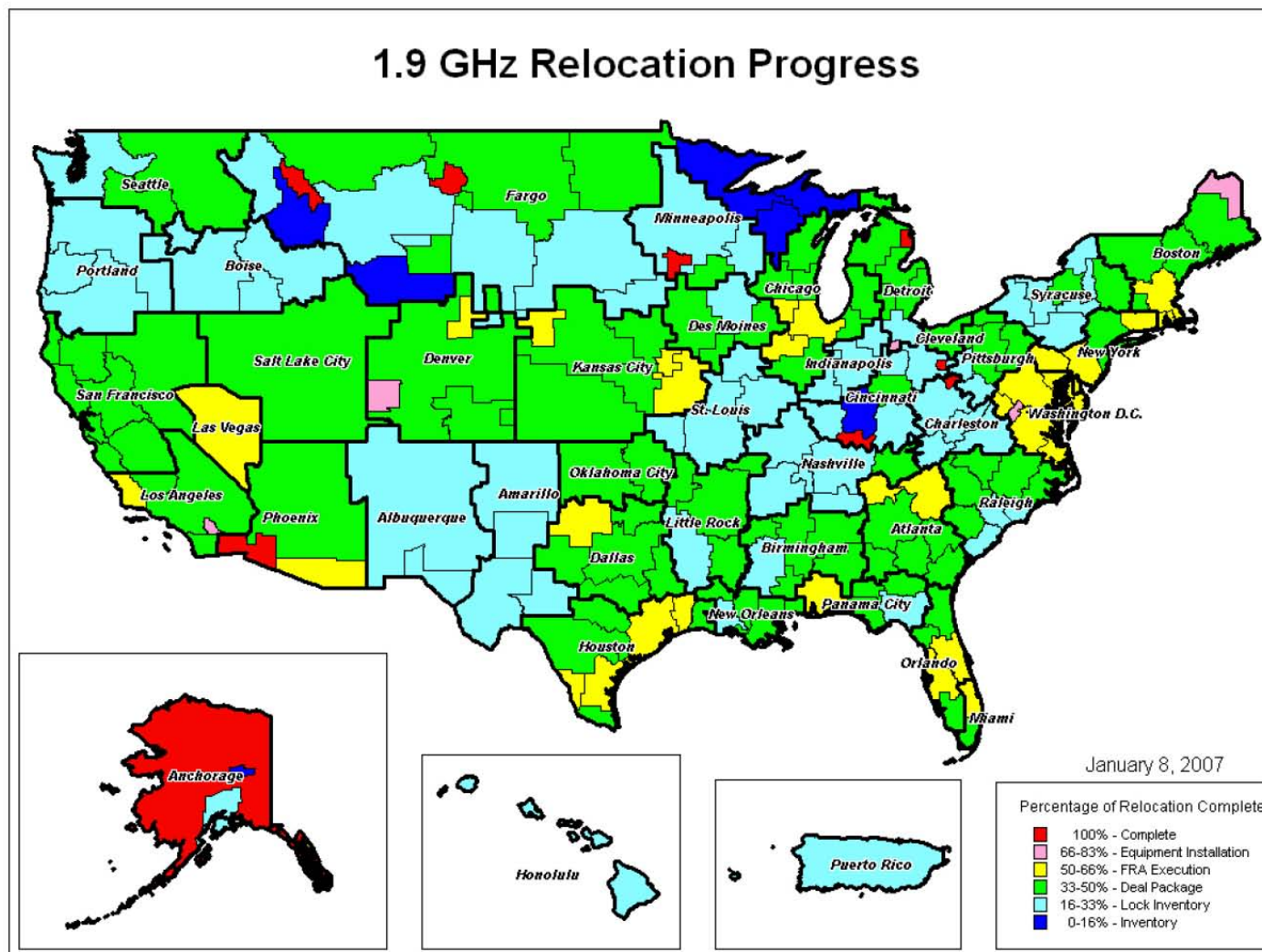
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2 GHz BAS Transition Progress

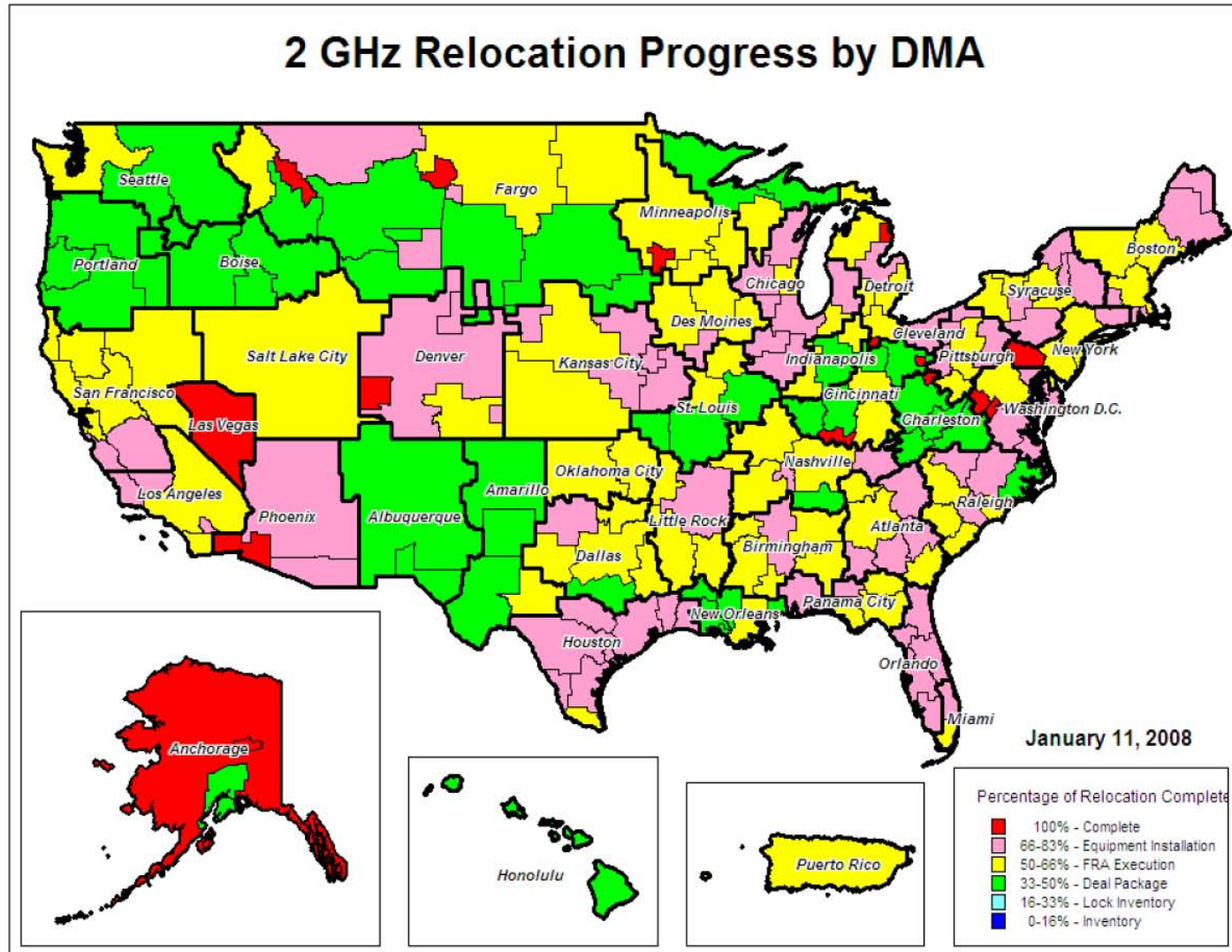


Phases	Jan 2007	Jan 2008	Percentage Increase
Phase 1: Market Kickoff	100%	100%	<i>Complete</i>
Phase 2: Inventory Submission	97%	100%	+3%
Phase 3: Inventory Verification	71%	100%	+41%
Phase 4: Quote Packages Submitted to Sprint Nextel	29%	81%	+179%
Phase 5: Frequency Relocation Agreement Execution	14%	62%	+342%
Phase 6: Order Fulfillment	3%	18%	+500%
Phase 7: Equipment Installation	1%	10%	+900%
Phase 8: Retune DMA	1%	3%	+200%

BAS Relocation Progress January 2007



BAS Relocation Progress January 2008

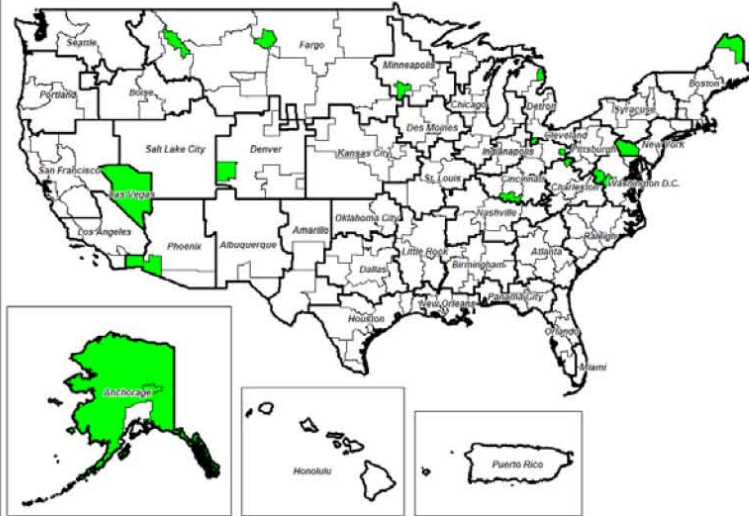


BAS Acceleration Summit

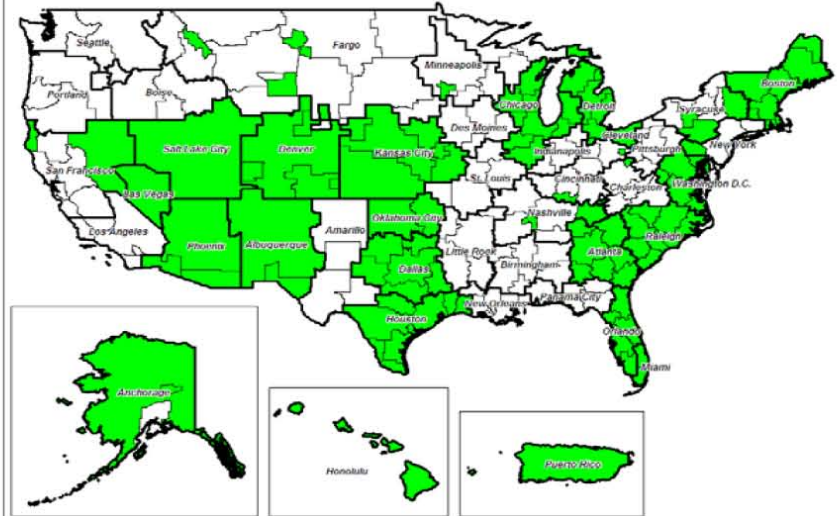
- In response to the FCC's November 6, 2007 Order, Sprint Nextel, MSTV, NAB, and SBE worked with all interested stakeholders to develop proposals to further accelerate BAS Relocation.
 - Numerous discussions among the Joint Parties, several broadcast licensees, BAS equipment manufacturers, systems integrators, installation firms; both 2 GHz Mobile-Satellite Service licensees, and T-Mobile culminated in a day-long summit to identify ways to accelerate the project.
- The Joint Parties agreed to implement a BAS Acceleration Plan that:
 - Establishes a comprehensive market-by-market relocation schedule;
 - Adopts performance benchmarks at key stages to accelerate the process;
 - Simplifies the change order process; and
 - Agrees to appoint "BAS Acceleration Teams" with the goal of sharing lessons learned and accelerating the nationwide BAS transition.

Adopted Market-By-Market Schedule

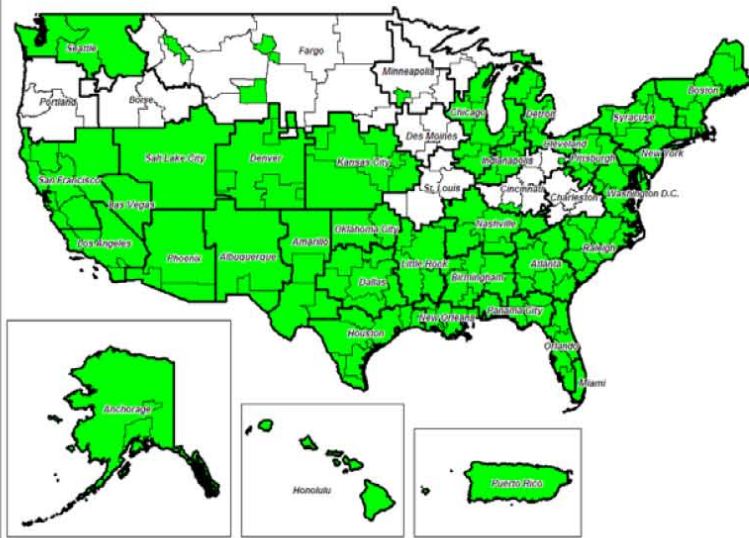
TV Markets Relocated Through December 2007



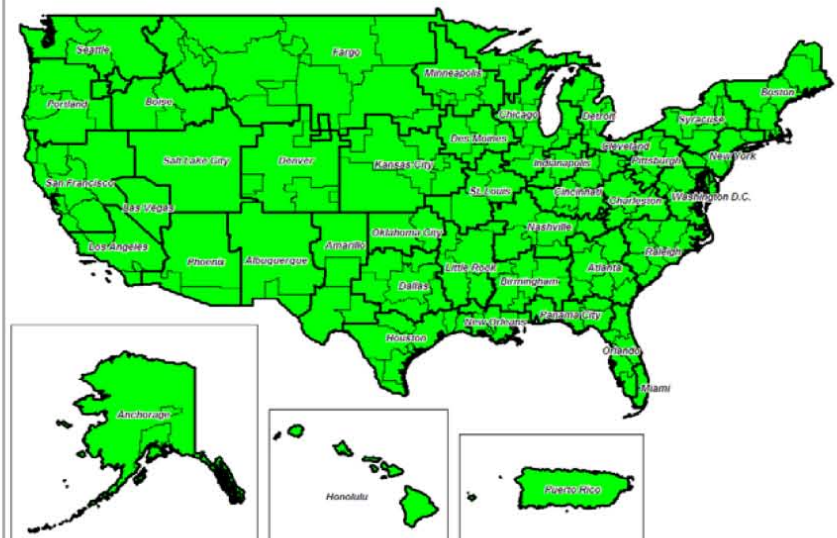
TV Markets Relocated Through December 2008



TV Markets Relocated Through June 2009



TV Markets Relocated Through August 2009



Set Performance Benchmarks

Action		Timeframe
Quote Package	Broadcaster to Complete Quote Package for BAS Transition and Submit to Sprint Nextel	Not later than March 15, 2008
	Sprint Nextel Reviews Quote Package, Negotiates with Broadcasters, Obtains Additional Quotes from Manufacturers as Needed, Finalizes Document and Signs Quote Package	45 days after receipt
Frequency Relocation Agreement	Sprint Nextel Sends Initial Frequency Relocation Agreement to Broadcaster	7 days
	Broadcaster Negotiates and Signs Frequency Relocation Agreement and Sends it to Sprint Nextel	45 days
	Sprint Nextel Countersigns Frequency Relocation Agreement	7 days
BAS Equipment Order	Broadcaster Submits Purchase Order for BAS Equipment for Sprint Nextel to Immediately Forward to Manufacturers	14 days

Simplified the Change Order Process

- Sprint Nextel implemented internal accounting and policy changes to allow for minor alterations to the terms of negotiated Frequency Relocation Agreements (FRAs) without requiring the parties to execute formal change orders
- While certain accounting safeguards remain necessary, Sprint Nextel will now authorize manufacturer and supplier reimbursement for expenses up to \$25,000 by e-mail when parties agree that equipment other than that specified in the FRA is required to provide the broadcaster with comparable facilities.

Agreed to Create BAS Acceleration Teams

- The Joint Parties agreed to appoint BAS Acceleration Teams (BATs) to facilitate the transition.
- The DMA-specific BATs will be comprised of one representative from the broadcasting industry in association with the Sprint Nextel regional team.
- The BATs will help share lessons learned from earlier transitions, improve communications among the dozens of parties involved in the transition, and short-circuit any procedural impediments to concluding the BAS transition as expeditiously as possible.
- To support this effort, Sprint Nextel will provide the BATs with access to the weekly “Dashboard,” a detailed, station-by-station report that tracks licensee status against the eight phased milestones.